

Sample Goal Elements

Shoreline Use Goals

1. Establish and implement policies and regulations for shoreline use consistent with the Shoreline Management Act of 1971. These policies and regulations should insure that the overall land use patterns that result in shoreline areas are compatible with existing shoreline environment designations and will be sensitive to and not degrade habitat and ecological systems and other shoreline resources.
2. Identify and reserve shoreline and water areas with unique attributes for specific long-term uses, including agricultural, commercial, industrial, residential, recreational and open space uses.
3. Insure that proposed shoreline uses are distributed, located and developed in a manner that will maintain or improve the health, safety and welfare of the public when such uses must occupy shoreline areas.
4. Insure that activities and facilities are located on the shorelines in such a manner as to retain or improve the quality of the environment as it is designated for that area.
5. Insure that proposed shoreline uses do not infringe upon the rights of others or upon the rights of private ownership.
6. Encourage shoreline uses which enhance their specific areas or employ innovative features for purposes consistent with this program.
7. Encourage joint-use activities in proposed shoreline developments.
8. Designated shorelines of statewide significance (SSWS) are of value to the entire state and should be protected and managed. In order of preference, the priorities are to:
 - a. Recognize and protect the statewide interest over local interest;
 - b. Preserve the natural character of the shoreline;
 - c. Result in long-term over short-term benefit;
 - d. Protect the resources and Ecology of shorelines; and
 - e. Increase public access to publicly owned areas of the shorelines.
9. Encourage restoration of shoreline areas that have been degraded or diminished in ecological value and function as a result of past activities or catastrophic events.
10. Ensure that planning, zoning and other regulatory and non-regulatory programs governing lands adjacent to shoreline jurisdiction are consistent with SMA policies and regulations and the provisions of this SMP.

Economic Development Goals

1. Insure healthy, orderly economic growth by allowing those economic activities which will be an asset to the local economy and which result in the least possible adverse effect on the quality of the shoreline and surrounding environment.
2. Protect current economic activity (e.g. shipping, marinas, agriculture, etc.) that is consistent with the objectives of the SMP and provide for environmentally sensitive new development.
3. Develop, as an economic asset, the recreation industry along shorelines in a manner that will enhance the public enjoyment of shorelines.
4. Insure that any economic activity taking place along the shoreline operates without harming the quality of the site's environment or adjacent shorelands.
5. Encourage new economic development to locate in areas already developed with similar uses which are consistent with this master program.
6. Before new commercial/industrial development is permitted within the shoreline, it is the proponent's responsibility to demonstrate that upland areas are not feasible for the intended economic activity.
7. Limit new shoreline industrial and commercial development to that which is classified as water-dependent, water-related, or water-enjoyment uses and discourage and/or prohibit non-water-oriented uses which are not accessory to a water-oriented use.
8. Proposed economic use of the shoreline should be consistent with local comprehensive plans. Conversely, upland uses on adjacent lands outside of immediate SMA jurisdiction (in accordance with RCW 90.58.340) should be consistent with the purpose and intent of this master program as they affect the shoreline.
9. Protect current agricultural land uses and provide for environmentally sensitive new agricultural development.

Circulation Goals

1. Provide safe, reasonable and adequate circulation systems to shorelines where routes will have the least possible adverse effect on unique or fragile shoreline features and existing ecological systems, while contributing to the functional and visual enhancement of the shoreline.
2. Locate land circulation systems which are not shoreline dependent as far from the land-water interface as feasible to reduce interference with either natural shoreline resources or other appropriate shoreline uses. Where possible avoid creating barriers between adjacent uplands and the shoreline.
3. Route transportation corridors to harmonize with the topography and other natural characteristics of the shoreline.
4. Provide for alternate modes of travel with some freedom of choice and encourage multiple-use corridors where compatible.

5. Acquire and develop physical and visual public access where topography, view and natural features warrant as a result of new transportation development in shoreline areas (e.g. turnouts, rest areas).
6. Discourage shoreline uses which curtail or reduce existing free movement of the public unless such restriction is in the interest of the environment, public health and safety, or is necessary to a proposed beneficial use.
7. Where feasible relocate existing shoreline transportation facilities such as rail lines or freeways that are disruptive to public shoreline access or other shoreline uses or convert such rights-of-way to new public access routes.
8. Protect, manage and enhance those characteristics of shoreline roadway corridors that are unique or have historic significance or aesthetic quality, for the benefit and enjoyment of the public.

Conservation Goals

1. Develop and implement management practices that will insure a sustained yield of renewable resources of the shorelines while preserving, protecting, enhancing and restoring unique and nonrenewable shoreline resources or features, including forested areas, wetlands and wildlife habitat.
2. Insure that utilization of a resource takes place with the minimum adverse impact to natural systems and quality of the shoreline environment.
3. Reclaim and restore areas which are biologically and aesthetically degraded to the greatest extent feasible while maintaining appropriate use of the shoreline.
4. Preserve the scenic aesthetic quality of shoreline areas and vistas to the greatest extent feasible.

Public Access Goals

1. Provide, protect and enhance a public access system that is both physical and visual, utilizing both private and public lands, which increases the amount and diversity of public access to the State's shorelines and adjacent areas, consistent with the natural shoreline character, private rights and public safety.
2. Integrate public access to shorelines as a part of the (City/County) public trail system.
3. Prepare and implement a comprehensive public access plan that incorporates public access into new shoreline development and unifies individual public access elements into an organized system.

Recreational Goals

1. Insure optimal recreational opportunities now and in the future in shoreline areas that can reasonably tolerate during peak use periods active, passive, competitive or contemplative uses without destroying the integrity and character of the shoreline.

2. Coordinate with the (City/County) Department of Parks and Recreation to optimize opportunities for water-oriented recreation.
3. Integrate recreational elements into federal, state and local public access and conservation planning.
4. Encourage federal, state and local government to acquire additional shoreline properties for public recreational uses.
5. Insure existing and proposed recreational uses are of a safe and healthy nature.
6. Consider both active and passive recreational needs in development of recreational areas.

Historical/Cultural Goals

1. Identify, protect, preserve and restore important archaeological, historical and cultural sites located in shorelands of the State for educational, scientific and enjoyment of the general public.
2. Acquire historical/cultural sites through purchase or gift, so as to insure their protection and preservation.
3. Encourage educational projects and programs that foster a greater appreciation of the importance of shoreline management, maritime activities, environmental conservation and maritime history.